TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2712 - SB 2584

June 2, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Revises the conditions and requirements of a local board of education's progressive truancy intervention plan.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017974): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to require progressive truancy plans to include a first tier that is applicable to all enrolled students and a second and third tier required for students who have accumulated a minimum of five days of unexcused absences beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to current law Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3009, a progressive truancy plan has three tiers that must be implemented before any prescribed course of action may be deemed unsuccessful and student absences can subsequently be reported to an appropriate judge.
- The proposed legislation requires schoolwide, prevention-oriented supports to occur in tier one and to apply to all enrolled students; moves the requirements previously in tier one to tier two; and requires tier two and three to address students with a minimum of five days of accumulated absences. Thus, local boards of education will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- Local boards of education will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No impact to the Department of Education.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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